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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TRACKING VENDOR COMPLIANCE WITH PURCHASER GUIDELINES AND RELATED METHOD FOR THE COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION OF SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE IMPLEMENTING SAME"*

Inventors: Bruce Work, Eric Schwartzman, Greg Holder, and David Watts

Atty. Docket: 23647-P002US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 25-page patent specification including 10 claims and an Abstract. Also included are Figures 1-4 on 4 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Bruce Work, Eric Schwartzman, Greg Holder, and David Watts for the captioned invention.

Also enclosed is a Small Entity Declaration.

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